A: Today is Giving ShoesDay! Your \$15 today can provide protective shoes to a person affected by leprosy. You can help someone walk again. What a great gift!

Judy Satish, Australian podiatrist and Leprosy Mission supporter, is with me. Judy, why is it so important to provide protective shoes to people affected by leprosy today?

J: "The leprosy bacteria can affect the nerves in the feet causing them to go numb.

When you can't feel your feet, injury, damage and ulcers can go unnoticed and can lead to infection, amputation and disability.

Protective shoes enable a person affected by leprosy to leave the house, collect water and food, go to school or work and to socialise. "

So my \$15 for shoes will give the gift of freedom to a person affected by leprosy? In one of the world's poorest places today?

J: "Absolutely! Just \$15 for protective shoes to give them freedom, dignity and hope! <u>& keep them</u> walking without wounds or injury

A: Give Shoes Today! FREECALL 1800 537 767 or leprosymission.org.au

Timing: 1 min.